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11. (cont'd) Applicant's argument with regard to claim 1, where "the Examiner has provided no reason as to why this combination teaches or fairly suggests the provision of a second aperture" is not persuasive. As is clearly stated in the action on page 5, the reason to combine is taken from the Frantz reference, where the second radial aperture is used, "in order to provide a conduit between the outlet line and the upper chamber through which any air in the outlet line is bled quickly (Col. 3, Lns. 24-30). Furthermore, applicant argues that there is no disclosure of a valve piston sliding guide in the Frantz reference, to which the examiner points out that the Kobow reference teaches this component as reference numeral 13.

Applicant's argument with respect to claims 7 and 22, where "the shoulder is not a flange" is not persuasive, in that the flange of Dettmers is a flange in the broadest reasonable interpretation, where the flange of Dettmers is a projecting edge in as much as applicant's device is depicted.

Regarding claim 22 specifically, it is noted that applicant presented specific amendments to claim 22 and improperly identified the claim as "Previously Presented". Applicant is reminded of the proper procedure 37 CFR 1.121 in making amendments to claims. For the purpose of this action only, the improper claim status identifier "Previously Presented" will be overlooked. Failure to follow the procedures set forth in 37 CFR 1.121 for future amendments will result in a non-compliant action and thus unnecessarily further prosecution.

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